IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)) 8:23CR26
vs.))) ORDER
JUSTIN WAYNE BURNEY,)
Defendant.)

This matter is before the court on defendant's Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [51]. While the motion references the parties' efforts toward a resolution of this matter short of trial, during the status conference held before the undersigned magistrate judge on April 30, 2024, the government stated it was unwilling to forego a statutory sentencing enhancement and the matter was scheduled for trial. Defendant's counsel stated that the matter will proceed to trial (perhaps preceded by a motion for a Rule 17.1 conference) or a request for change of plea hearing will be made. Under these circumstances, the court finds good cause for a continuance to allow defendant to decide how he wishes to proceed. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial [51] is granted, as follows:

- 1. The jury trial now set for May 14, 2024, is continued to July 16, 2024.
- 2. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the court finds that the ends of justice will be served by granting this continuance and outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Any additional time arising as a result of the granting of this motion, that is, the time between today's date and July 16, 2024, shall be deemed excludable time in any computation of time under the requirement of the Speedy Trial Act. Failure to grant a continuance would deny counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), (7)(A) & (B)(iv).
- 3. No further continuances will be granted without requesting a hearing before the undersigned magistrate judge.

DATED: May 3, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Michael D. Nelson United States Magistrate Judge